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SUBJ: ENERGY: PRICE INFLATION IN IRAN'S PETROCHEMICAL IMPORTS

1. FOLLOWING DATA PROVIDED BY IRANIAN PRICE INTELLIGENCE CENTER (IPIC), SKW AGENCY CHARGED WITH COLLECTING DATA ON INFLATION AND RECOMMENDING MEANS OF COMBATING IT (SEE PARA 2 FOR NUMBERS IN PARENTHESIS):

IMPORT PRICE TREND (IN DOLLARS PER TON)

1973 1974

COMMODITY MAR JUN SEP DEC JAN MAR

VISCOSE 1.5 660 660 660 800 843 1500

DENIER (1)

POLYETHYLENE 220 510 700 1250 1400

L.D. (2)

CAPROLACTUM 451 535 640 1600

D.O.U.LM 364 364 448 539

D.O.P. (3) 315 315 602 870 1230

POLYVINYL CHLORIDE

(4) 400 400 720 820 1400

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POLYSTYRENE

(5) 225 475 930
POLYETHYLENE
H.D. (6) 250 250 250 1600 1750
POLYSTYRENE
(HIGH IMPACT)
(7) 365 365 980 1720

2. FOLLOWING WERE INITIAL PRICES PROPOSED BY U.K. MISSION IN
JANUARY 1974 FOR ITEMS INDICATED ABOVE (THIS WAS MISSION THAT
CAME HERE TO NEGOTIATE "BARTER" ARRANGEMENT):

(1) \$2,200 (2) \$1,400 (3) \$1,230 (4) \$1,400 (5) \$2,750 (6) \$1,750
(7) \$2,350

3. COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THAT IPIC MAY BE SOURCE OF MANY NUMBERS
SHAH AND FINMIN AMOUZEGAR HAVE USED RECENTLY, AND HOPE TO DEVELOP
FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS NEW AGENCY AND ITS METHODOLOGY. BY WAY
OF PRELIMINARY COMMENT WE CAN SAY (A) THAT THESE ITEMS REPRESENT
A SMALL AMOUNT OF IRANIAN IMPORTS (LESS THAT \$20 MILLION DURING
MARCH 21 - SEPT 22, 1973) AND (B) THAT UNION CARBIDE, EVEN CON-
SIDERING THEIR LOW ASKING PRICE FOR CRUDE, APPEARS TO HAVE OFFERED
FAR MORE FAVORABLE PRICES FOR SOME OF ABOVE PRODUCTS.
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